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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

September 30, 2015, 2016

Next Monthly Open House set for Wednesday, Oct. 7

Monthly Open House for the University Community

Wednesday, Oct. 7 • 3-4 p.m.
Old Main 213

Special Guest: **INTO Marshall**

Stop by for a snack, chat with senior university leadership, and learn more about this program that brings hundreds of international students to Marshall and Huntington!

Hosted by Interim President Gary White.



Interim President Gary White and members of the university's senior management team will host the next in a series of informal monthly open houses for members of the Marshall University community next week. It will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main.

White has invited representatives of INTO Marshall to be on hand to talk about their program and answer any questions those in attendance may have.

Update on Beginning of Bi-Weekly Pay

Employees may have heard that Higher Education will be in Wave 2 of the wvOASIS payroll Go Live that is to occur in November. Marshall University is not in Wave 2, although many other institutions are. We are awaiting updates from the State with regards to our Go Live with a new payroll process, which could have the first check utilizing this new process in early January. As soon as we have more definitive information, we will share it with our employees, as well as provide informational sessions about any resulting changes.

See www.marshall.edu/paychanges for the latest information.

Artist-In-Residence to join Marshall University jazz students, faculty in concert



Jazz composer, arranger, pianist and educator Earl MacDonald will perform with the School of Music and Theatre students and faculty with his own compositions and arrangements at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Smith Recital Hall.

During his three-day artist-in-residence visit, MacDonald will spend time with jazz majors and Jazz I, the school's top jazz ensemble, said Dr. Martin Saunders, director of jazz studies..

Currently associate professor and director of jazz studies at the University of Connecticut, MacDonald earned a Bachelor of Music degree in jazz performance at McGill University and a Master of Music degree at Rutgers, where he

apprenticed with Kenny Barron. MacDonald is an active clinician, guest conductor and teacher at summer camps.

The UConn Chapter of the American Association of University Professors honored MacDonald with its 2006 Excellence Award for Teaching Innovation and 2003 Teaching Promise awards. Additionally, he received the 2013 School of Fine Arts Outstanding Faculty Award at UConn.

Photo: Jazz composer, arranger, pianist and educator Earl MacDonald will perform with students and faculty Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Update: Mandatory Title IX training for faculty/staff

Debbie Hart, Marshall's director of equity programs, is expressing her appreciation to the hundreds of Marshall faculty and staff who have completed the Title IX training, required by the federal government, thus far.

The course is intended to help ensure an environment free from unlawful sexual discrimination in all aspects of the university experience.

"Thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure safe campuses and centers at Marshall University," Hart said.

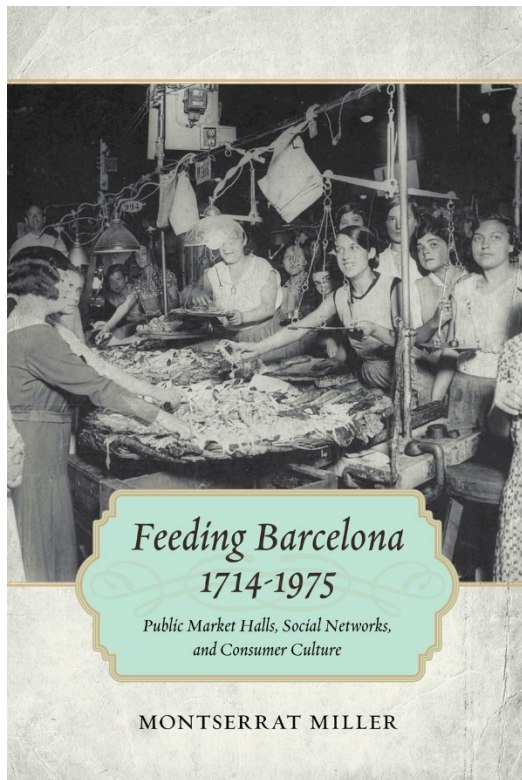
Hart added that the Information Technology department at Marshall and Workplace Answers have worked diligently to ensure this offer is provided for all faculty and staff. Some new faculty and staff may have received the link later than others.

Faculty and staff have until Friday, Oct. 30, to complete the course, which was distributed by e-mail earlier this month. The e-mail, which was from Workplace Answers, contained a link to the training materials.

For your convenience, once you log on, you may take sections of the training as your schedule permits. It is not necessary to complete the training in one session.

If you have any questions or have not received an e-mail with the course link, please contact the Office of Equity Programs at 304-696-2597 or [e-mail Hart](#). The university's Sexual Harassment Policy is available online [here](#).

Professor receives award for book about Barcelona's food markets



A Marshall University faculty member has tied for the top award in a competition for first-time authors for her book examining Barcelona's successful system of food markets.

The history honor society Phi Alpha Theta awarded Dr. Montserrat Miller its prestigious Best First Book award for "Feeding Barcelona, 1714-1975," which was published earlier this year by the Louisiana State University Press.

Miller is a professor of history at Marshall, where she specializes in food markets, gender studies and modern Spain.

According to the publisher, the book is the first detailed account of the historical and social influences that create urban food markets.

The markets of Barcelona host thousands of customers daily, from tourists eager to sample fresh fruits and grilled seafood to neighborhood cooks in search of

high-quality ingredients. While other countries experienced major shifts away from the public-market model in the twentieth century, Barcelona's food markets remained fundamental to the city's identity, economy, and culture. Miller's book examines the causes behind the extraordinary vibrancy and tenacity of the Barcelonan market system.

Miller argues that recurrent revolutionary uprisings in Barcelona, beginning in the mid-18th century, forced ongoing collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure adequate and effective food distribution. Municipal support permitted small-scale food sellers in Barcelona to survive in a period more commonly characterized by increasing capitalization in food retail, while the importance of food markets to Barcelona's social networks enhanced vendors' ability to recognize and adapt to changing customer demands. In addition, a high number of stalls owned by women contributed both to the financial well-being of vendor families and to the sociability patterns that placed neighborhood food markets at the center of daily life in the city. The shared commitment of vendors, shoppers and government officials to a market model of food sales created the lasting and unique market system that persists in Barcelona to this day.

Miller is the recipient of several teaching awards at Marshall, including the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award (2008-09), Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia Professor of the Year (2007-08) and the Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award (2006-07).

For more information about her book, please visit www.lsypress.org/books/detail/feeding-barcelona-1714-1975.

Wills, former military personnel technician, to be honored Saturday

A ceremony honoring Joyce B. Wills will take place at the U.S. Army ROTC Office located in Gullickson Hall, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

She served as the Military Personnel Technician for the U.S. Army ROTC Detachment at Marshall from February 1975 through March 2001. A memorial plaque dedicated to her service will be unveiled during the ceremony. Current and former Marshall ROTC cadets and cadre are cordially invited to attend the event. Questions concerning the event should be directed to the U.S. Army ROTC Office at ext.6-6450.

Memorial service for Michael Krasnow to take place Monday



March 26, 1945 – September 2, 2015

Please join us to
celebrate the life of

Michael A. Krasnow, D.O., Ph.D.

October 5, 2015

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Marshall University Memorial Student Center
John Marshall Room

Celebrate Mike's life, his legacy and tell treasured stories about him.

Open mic on Mike begins at 6:45 p.m.

Attire is "Krasnow-like" - NO TIES

The Marshall community is invited to celebrate the life of Michael A. Krasnow, D.O., Ph.D., on Monday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center. In order to share his legacy and tell treasured stories about him, an "open mic" begins at 6:45 p.m. The attire is "Krasnow like"—no ties.

Take Back The Night rally to raise awareness of sexual, domestic violence



Marshall's Women's Studies Student Association and Women's Center will join CONTACT of Huntington and Branches in a rally at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, on the Memorial Student Center Plaza to raise awareness of sexual and domestic violence.

The rally will be accompanied by several other events, said Dr. Dawn Howerton, assistant professor of psychology. Here is a list of the events:

Tuesday, Oct. 6: A poster-making party will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the First-Year South residence hall lobby in preparation for the Take Back the Night Rally. The Marshall University

Women's Studies Student Association will also lead a consent workshop.

Wednesday, Oct. 7: During the day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), the following groups will have tables set up in the Memorial Student Center lobby: Branches (domestic violence shelter), CONTACT (rape-crisis center), Marshall University Counseling Center, Psychology Department Clinic, Student Health, Women's Center, Women's Studies, and Women's Studies Student Association.

Evening activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. The local band "The Disappearing Man" will start things off in the Memorial Student Center lobby. Then, members of the Huntington and Marshall communities will share readings and stories of domestic and sexual violence and survival. Following the scheduled readings, there will be an open invitation for anyone present to share his or her own story.

"After the readings, everyone will grab a sign and join the Take Back the Night Rally march across campus," Howerton said. "A leader will shout chants for everyone to repeat as we spread awareness to the Marshall community."

The rally will finish up back on the Memorial Student Center plaza for a candlelight vigil, where there will be another opportunity for anyone who wants to share his or her story in a smaller setting.

Unity Walk to take place Oct. 20

WE ARE...FAMILY! UNITY WALK CELEBRATION 2015!



Tuesday, October 20 at 5 p.m.
starting at The Rec Center



The annual “We Are... Family” Unity Walk Celebration, an event created to give all Marshall students, faculty and staff an opportunity to celebrate their unity and the fact that they are all members of the same “family,” is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, on the Huntington campus.

All students, faculty, staff, alumni, student organizations, athletic teams, fraternities and sororities are invited to take part. Participants in this year’s walk are asked to begin lining up at the Marshall Recreation Center at 4:30 p.m. The walk will be enhanced by group banners, cheers, chants and music.

“We are Marshall and we are one,” said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs, who was among the creators of the event in 2012. “We invite all Marshall University students, staff, faculty and alumni, along with the community, to come and enjoy this most festive walk with us as we again demonstrate our loyalty, unity, inclusiveness and oneness.”

The Unity Walk is sponsored by Intercultural Affairs, Student Affairs, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Housing and Residence Life and Marshall Athletics.

Marshall going for recognition in ‘Exercise is Medicine on Campus’ program; activities planned for next week



Marshall is an officially registered “Exercise is Medicine” campus—the only one in West Virginia. **Exercise is Medicine® on Campus** (EIM-OC) is a program calling upon universities and colleges to engage in the promotion of physical activity as a vital sign of health.

This year EIM-OC launches its Recognition Program, which will allow campuses to be recognized for their participation and engagement in EIM.

“Although our university is registered, we are seeking recognition this fall and in order to do so, we have secured the support from various

departments and organizations across Marshall’s campus to make this campaign a success,” said Megan Archer, public relations specialist for the College of Health Professions. “We have organized a weeklong series of activities to promote the new EIM-OC achievement on campus beginning Monday, Oct. 5, and continuing through Friday, Oct. 9. We would love it if you could attend at least one of these events to show your support for increased physical activity on campus and within our community!”

Prizes will be awarded to participants who attend the most events. Participants will be asked to sign their names on a registration sheet at each activity to be entered to win the following prizes:

- Grand Prize: Full Fitness Assessment Including: 30 minute Fitness Consult, Vo2 Max Test, BodPod Test and a Resting Metabolic Rate Test (\$150 value)
- 2nd Prize: One Hour Session with a Registered Dietitian for Nutrition Assessment and Planning
- 3rd Prize: One Bike Helmet from YMCA, EIM Nylon Drawstring Bag, EIM Water Bottle and a T-shirt (four of the 3rd-place prizes will be awarded to participants)

A list of activities is available on the website at www.marshall.edu/EIM, Archer said.

Marshall University 'Brain Expo' for elementary school students to take place Oct. 2



More than 400 elementary school children from around the tri-state region will visit Marshall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, to learn about the brain and nervous system through activities and games.

Usually held in the spring, the Brain Expo was scheduled for Oct. 2 as a make-up day for the March 2015 event canceled due to extreme weather.

This is the seventh Brain Expo to be held at Marshall. The event features 27 interactive stations in the Memorial Student Center, where children explore various parts of their nervous systems. They also learn how the brain controls their bodies and why healthy lifestyle choices lead to better brain health. Activities at the stations include learning to juggle, playing a memory game, coloring their own “brain hat,” and building brain cell-shaped key chains.

More than 200 Marshall students and faculty from the College of Science, the Department of Psychology and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will oversee the activities. The St. Mary’s Medical Center will present a station about brain and spinal cord safety.

The event is part of Brain Awareness Week, an annual global effort founded in 1996 by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. The Brain Expo at Marshall was founded by Dr. Nadja Spitzer and Dr. Brian Antonsen, both of whom are neuroscientists and faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Events like the Brain Expo are an excellent way of increasing public awareness of brain research at Marshall and in gaining the interest of students who may choose a career path in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, Spitzer said. Through the many fun hands-on activities, attendees get to better understand the brain.

“Our goal for the Brain Expo is to interest children in science and research at a young age through games and activities that demonstrate the relevance of neuroscience in everyday life,” Spitzer said.

Registration for the Fall 2015 event is full, according to Spitzer, but anyone interested in the Spring 2016 program can e-mail brainawareness@marshall.edu

For more information about the Brain Expo and Marshall’s Brain Awareness Program, visit www.marshall.edu/baw.

Friday's program is supported by the National Science Foundation (Cooperative Agreement Award number EPS-1003907), Marshall's College of Science and Department of Biological Sciences.

Photo: Elementary school students learn about the brain and nervous system at last year's Brain Expo.

Special Collections, Morrow Stacks to be closed Oct. 6

The Special Collections Department and the Morrow Stacks in the James E. Morrow Library on the Huntington campus will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Regular hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) for the Special Collections Department and the Morrow Stacks will resume Wednesday, Oct. 7.

For additional information, please contact the Special Collections Department at 304-696-2343.

South Charleston library celebrating Banned Books Week with mugshots

In recognition of Banned Books Week, everyone is invited to stop by the South Charleston Library and get "Caught Reading a Banned Book." You can bring your own favorite banned book or choose from their collection and they'll take a mugshot of you with a book. You can also be entered into a drawing for a Banned Books mug.

Library hours are:

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Thursday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday

Faculty/Staff Achievement: Armstead, 'Creek Geeks' present research in Pittsburgh



Dr. Mindy Armstead, Associate Professor in the Integrated Science and Technology Department, along with members of her research team, the self-titled "Creek Geeks," traveled to Pittsburgh last week to give oral presentations about their research at the 2nd Environmental Considerations in Energy Production Conference.

Armstead gave a talk on an "Ongoing evaluation of the effects of watershed disturbance on aquatic ecosystems." Mandee Wilson discussed "An evaluation of seasonal selenium bioaccumulation in mining influenced streams." Kevin Rowsey presented "Development of culturing methods for native mayfly taxa for use in laboratory toxicity testing."

The Creek Geeks conduct and present research on a wide variety of aquatic issues. They are currently working on developing methods for conducting toxicity tests with sensitive mayfly

species, evaluating the bioaccumulation of selenium on native brook trout, and evaluating the effects of canopy cover disturbance on a headwater stream. The group, which includes undergraduate and graduate researchers, work on both field and laboratory projects aimed toward protecting aquatic resources in the region.

Photo: Members of the "Creek Geeks" research group work on one of their projects

Marshall to observe National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Oct. 1 marks the start of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM), according to Jon Cutler, chief information security officer at Marshall. NCSAM is an annual, month-long effort to increase awareness and prevention of online security problems, spearheaded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA). This year's theme is "Our Shared Responsibility."

“Cyber Security Awareness is important to because each of us has a responsibility to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information in today’s highly-networked system environment,” Cutler said.

Cybersecurity does not have to be complicated, he added. Throughout the month of October, the Marshall University Division of Information Technology and Office of Information Security will share newsletter topics and quick tips that demonstrate how students, faculty and staff can stay safe and secure online.

“We encourage you to follow our daily updates via Twitter @MUITServiceDesk #CyberAware and share the website URL www.marshall.edu/IT/NCSAM2015 with family and friends,” he said.

Many of the tips will echo themes from the “Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign,” an ongoing public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the public to be more safe and secure online.

Stop: before you use the Internet, take time to understand the risks and learn how to spot potential problems. **Think:** take a moment to be certain the path ahead is clear. Consider how your actions online could impact your safety, or your family’s. **Connect:** Enjoy the Internet with greater confidence knowing you have taken the right steps to safeguard yourself and your computer.

Country music singer/songwriter Kacey Musgraves to come to Huntington Oct. 2



Kacey Musgraves, who was recently honored with three 2015 Country Music Association Award nominations, takes to the stage at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center Friday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

A Texas native, Musgraves began singing publicly at eight and wrote her first song when she was nine. She made her public singing debut at church, and from there hit the regional opsy circuit. “In Texas, every few towns have an opsy house,” she explains. “Performers come up on stage and sing old country songs with a live band. I did that every weekend. It got me familiar with being in front of people and working with musicians.”

To date, her talent has produced cuts for multi-platinum artists including Martina McBride and Miranda Lambert. Throughout 2014 she was able to bridge wide musical gaps as she toured with Lady Antebellum, Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss and Union Station, and Katy Perry on the Prismatic World Tour.

At 26, the singer/songwriter already has two Grammy awards and has received nominations for the CMT Music Awards, Teen Choice Awards, and American Music Awards. She took home the award for “New Artist of the Year” at 2013’s CMA Awards, and the 2014 CMA Award for Song of the Year. In 2013, Musgraves’ Grammy-winning debut album, *Same Trailer Different Park*, debuted at No. 1 on Billboard’s Top Country Albums chart. Her follow-up album, *Pageant Material* was just released in June. This album pays tributes to her Bible Belt roots and is full of autobiographical details that are both humorous and heartwarming.

Tickets can be purchased through the Marshall Artists Series box office at ext. 6-6656, or by visiting the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, which is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

More than 95 employers expected to attend this fall’s Career Expo



Career Services will conduct its annual fall Career Expo from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room. The expo is open to all Marshall students and alumni. MU faculty, too, are encouraged to support the event not only by attending themselves to network, but also by encouraging students to attend.

Recruiters will be sharing information on part-time, full-time and internship positions. Career Services has made some revisions to this fall’s event, changing it from Wednesday to Tuesday and adjusting the event time to 1 to 4 p.m.

“We felt that it was time to change things up a little,” said Debby Stoler, assistant director of development and outreach at Career Services and coordinator of the Career Expo. “Feedback from students indicated that having the event run

later in the afternoon would allow them more time to attend, so we decided to try it. While attendance is good at these events, we are always looking for ways to make it even better.”

More than 95 employers are expected to have recruiters at the event, representing the areas of business, IT/computer science, health care, education, corrections and many others. A continually updated list of employers planning to attend the Career Expo is available at www.marshall.edu/career-services/aboutEvents5.php.

Denise Hogsett, director of Career Services, said those attending are encouraged to dress professionally and come prepared with multiple copies of their resumes. Hogsett said even if students are not looking for a job, attending the expo presents an excellent networking opportunity.

In preparation for the event, students may visit Career Services or watch for information tables in the student center lobby to receive assistance with building a professional resume, tips on talking to recruiters and networking effectively, and how to introduce themselves to recruiters using their “elevator speech” or “30-second commercial.”

If anyone has questions about the event, he or she may contact Stoler by phone at ext. 6-6679 or the Career Services front desk at ext. 6-2370 or by e-mail to career-services@marshall.edu.

Harless Center receives grant for early childhood literacy

The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, College of Education and Professional Development, has recently been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) to assist with the implementation of the West Virginia Leaders of Literacy: Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

The WVDE Office of Early Learning is leading the campaign that aims to close the reading achievement gap by third grade by focusing on four main components: school readiness, attendance, extended school day and high-quality instruction. Individual counties will develop personalized literacy plans that attend to each of these components based on county-specific needs. The Harless Center will use the awarded grant money to support each county team in achieving their individual goals.

Four early literacy specialists have been hired by the June Harless Center to work on the campaign. Tarabeth Brumfield, Program Development Officer, addressed the need for support. “The team of early literacy specialists were recruited and hired based on their knowledge of best practices in reading instruction as well as their creativity and leadership skills. Our county systems work diligently to increase student achievement; however, as a state we are still

struggling. Our hope is that the team of early literacy specialists can provide the much needed support that counties deserve to get the job done.”

The literacy specialists will collaborate with county grade-level reading teams in the 55 counties to assist in the implementation of their individualized plans. They will be responsible for engaging community partners to create a culture of literacy for families and children, providing an outreach to assist in professional development, and assisting in the collection of data to drive high-quality classroom instruction.

Online registration underway for Homecoming events



Marshall will be stepping back in time during Homecoming 2015 with this year's nostalgic theme – Blast from the Past.

In addition to the '80s theme, Homecoming 2015 will be filled with activities for students, alums and Herd fans of all ages with a full week of activities beginning on Sunday, Oct. 18, and leading up to the 2015 Homecoming game against North Texas on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m.

This is everyone's opportunity to throw on some green and white, reunite with old friends, and cheer on the Thundering Herd. For a full list of Homecoming 2015 activities, visit HerdAlum.com.

Here are links to register for this year's biggest events:

Picnic on the Plaza Table Registration

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 23 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Memorial Student Center Plaza

WHAT: Marshall's largest and most exciting on-campus Homecoming party returns in 2015! The Marshall University Alumni Association will host its annual Picnic on the Plaza on Friday,

Oct. 23, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with free food and drinks, a live DJ and plenty of fun with the Marshall University Marching Thunder, university staff and the Thundering Herd football team! Campus organizations, colleges and departments can register for a table during the Picnic on the Plaza at the link below.

LINK: <http://www.herdalum.com/s/1269/index.aspx?sid=1269&gid=1&pgid=948>

Homecoming Float Registration

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 22 | 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Huntington

WHAT: Marshall's annual Homecoming Parade returns at a new day and time in 2015 as Herd fans celebrate Homecoming 2015 under the lights on Thursday, Oct. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy floats highlighting the sights, sounds and feel of the 80s! To register your student organization for a float, visit the link below.

LINK: <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1269/index.aspx?sid=1269&gid=1&pgid=876>

Alumni Tailgate Party Registration

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 24 | 11 a.m.

WHERE: Harless Field

WHAT: Tailgate with the Marshall University Alumni Association! Party with our live DJ, enjoy games, guest speakers and relax in our Herd Hangout tent. Admission to the tailgate party is free, and for \$10 per person you can enjoy a delicious meal and drinks. Party with the MUAA in Harless Field beginning at 11 a.m. and running until an hour before kickoff. Register early at the link below to avoid the lines!

LINK: <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1269/index.aspx?sid=1269&gid=1&pgid=872>

Office Decorating Registration

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 22 | All Day

WHERE: Marshall University

WHAT: Decorate your office for Marshall Homecoming 2015 and show your Herd pride! The Marshall University Alumni Association will be judging campus offices on Thursday, Oct. 22 and will hand out awards in a number of categories including Large Office – Best Fits Theme, Small Office – Best Fits Theme, Large Office – Most Creative, Small Office – Most Creative, Large Office – Most Attractive, Small Office – Most Attractive, Online Fan Vote. Register your office for the contest at the link below.

LINK: <http://www.herdalum.com/s/1269/index.aspx?sid=1269&gid=1&pgid=873>

Sports fans reminded about hearing health

As fans gear up for Herd football games, their enthusiasm is often measured by the amount of noise they create on game day, and, according to Dr. Kathy Newman, clinical audiologist of Marshall Health Ear, Nose and Throat specialists, this can lead to hearing problems.

“The average volume during a Marshall football game is estimated to be in the mid-90-decibel range – about the level of power tools. Repeated exposure to sounds that are louder than 85 decibels can cause permanent hearing loss,” she said. And according to Newman, it’s the actual noise on the field and in the stands that can create real challenges for hearing health.

Even if you are not a football enthusiast, Newman points out that noise levels among fans in other crowded venues, such as sports bars, can reach hearing-damaging levels. A group of audiologists for leading hearing solutions manufacturer, Oticon, tested noise levels during the NBA playoffs at popular sports bars in several cities. They found that, on average, bar noise was in the 80-decibel range, about the noise level of an alarm clock. During baskets, fan noise rose to 110 decibels and during big plays, ratcheted up even higher to 114.9 decibels – louder than a car horn.

But there are some things that a passionate fan can do, according to audiologists. Marshall Health’s Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists recommend adding a pair of foam ear plugs to game-day attire. “Inexpensive ear plugs are readily available at local drug or home stores,” they explained. “At about \$3.50 for a package of ten pairs, you have enough to suit up 10 fans with inexpensive but effective hearing protection.”

While the focus in October will be mainly on football, Newman says coming up with an ear-protecting game plan makes good sense for any sporting event where excitement raises the decibel level. That advice is especially relevant to parents of youngsters who participate in school or community sports. “Don’t assume that helmets and other head gear protect hearing,” she said. “Talk to your children’s coach about protecting young ears and look for ways to tone down the noise at games. Move away from loudspeakers. Schedule breaks to the snack bar or walk around the stadium to give your ears a rest.”

While it's not uncommon for ears to ring for a short period after being in a noisy environment, if the ringing doesn't go away after three or more days, health care specialists recommend a checkup with a hearing care professional.

Find out more facts about sports noise, hearing health and hearing protection at www.marshallhealth.org/services/surgery. To schedule a hearing evaluation, contact Marshall Health's Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists at 304-691-8690.

Town Hall meeting to discuss documentary, *Inequality for All*

The special viewing of the documentary *Inequality for All*, which took place last night in the Memorial Student Center, is part of a unique collaboration between two different university classes: a First-Year Seminar paired with a course in an academic discipline to form a learning community. The core group of students in these linked courses have the opportunity to examine common themes from the perspective of a course designed for first-year students as well as a course in a specific academic discipline.

One week after the documentary, students from both classes, Dr. Donna Sullivan's Sociology 200 and Professor Jennifer Sias' FYS 100, will host a town hall discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Memorial Student Center BE5. Featuring a panel of professors from different disciplines as well as students, the town hall discussion will focus on the issues of work, inequality and the status of the American Dream in the 21st Century, themes that the paired courses are examining.

A year in the making, the collaboration was designed to study high-impact practices (HIPs), at Marshall. HIPs are defined as practices that have a high impact on student success and retention and include first-year seminars, learning communities, writing across the curriculum, service learning and internships.

A team of faculty led by Dr. Mary Beth Reynolds, Associate Vice President for Assessment and Quality Initiatives, participated in the American Association of Colleges and Universities' 2014 Institute on High Impact Practices and Student Success at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The team developed a plan to combine two high impact practices, specifically FYS and a learning community.

The collaboration between Sullivan and Sias is one of three pairings of classes that also include classes taught by Dr. Peggy Proudfoot-Harman (FYS), Dr. Damien Arthur (Political Science), Dr. Harold Blanco (FYS) and Dr. Kristi Fondren (Sociology). Each pair of professors worked

together in the spring 2015 semester and during the summer to develop a common theme and complementary activities and assignments.

The theme employed by Sullivan and Sias focuses on the use of storytelling to examine the American Dream and the role work plays in the American ideal. The two professors determined that a public presentation of the documentary, followed by a town-hall-style discussion a week later, would serve as co-curricular activities that could benefit both classes and the university community at large.

The town hall discussion is open to the public.

‘Thundering Word’ team shows well at Forensic Fiesta

Junior Alyssa Hager took first place in Prose Interpretation recently as Marshall’s Thundering Word competed in the Forensic Fiesta, a speech and debate tournament on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

Hager is a Communication Studies major from West Hamlin.

Also for Marshall, Logan Spence, a junior Communication Studies major from Davie, Florida, placed second in Communication Analysis and fourth in Informative Speaking. Taryss Mandt, a senior Geology major from Alexandria, Virginia, took third place in Dramatic Interpretation.

The Thundering Word competed in two separate tournaments. Five varsity members and five novices competed for MU.

“It’s amazing to realize how far we have come in the last five years,” said Coach Danny Ray. “This was our best showing at this tournament since the team was revitalized in 2010.”

Marshall placed fourth in the team sweepstakes Saturday and fifth Sunday. Top Novice performers for the Word included Hunter Barclay, a freshman Honors Energy Management major from Frostburg, Maryland in Persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking; Eli Tilley, a junior Economics major from Mount Hope, West Virginia, in Informative Speaking; Rosie Clark, a freshman Biomedical Science major from Wheeling, West Virginia, and Shellie Coleman, a freshman Biomedical Science major from Braxton, West Virginia, in Duo Interpretation.

The University of Alabama, Western Kentucky University, Illinois State University, and William Carey University, all top 10 national contenders, were the only teams to score more points than the Thundering Word.

Marshall is taking its varsity members to Fairfax, Virginia, Oct. 2 for a tournament at George Mason University. The full team will travel to the University of Kentucky Oct. 9-10.

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